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# Macy's Passport Hits the Big Screen

▶ HERBST & FESTIVAL PAVILIONS

During its 25-year history, Macy's fantastic Passport fashion show has raised more than $27 million for the fight against HIV and AIDS. The 2008 event in year 26 pays tribute to groundbreaking artist Keith Haring and heralds Passport's debut at the movies. The revelry kicks off in mid-September in Fort Mason Center's Herbst and Festival pavilions.

"For many of us united in the fight against AIDS, Passport is a celebration of all we have accomplished and an opportunity to renew our passion and our commitment," said Macy's Chairman and CEO Jeff Gennette. "With fashion, with compassion, and with hope we will stand strong until there is a cure."

Keith Haring would have turned 50 in 2008. Unfortunately, AIDS took him away in 1990 in his early 30s. However, he set up the Keith Haring Foundation in 1989 to address AIDS issues. His foundation partners with Macy's to bring designers such as Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, and Levi's to Passport's 120-foot runway with their latest creations.

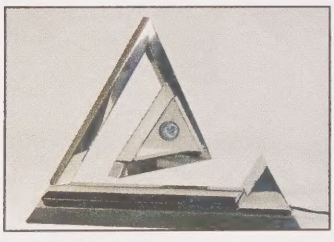
Since 2002, the first Macy's Passport evening has been Fashion Inform: HIV Prevention 101. Offered exclusively to students at local high schools, Fashion Inform provides food, fun, fashion, and education in a festive setting. The next two nights present the American Express and Gala evenings — celebrations filled with glitter, glamour, and five-star dining, drinking, and entertainment.

Passport keeps going this year with premieres of *Passport: The Movie* taking place in theaters across the US in October. For more information, see September 17 and www.macys.com/passport. — *CW*

**Macy's Passport** see 9/17&18 PHOTO: DREW ALTIZER

# SF20: Modernism Transforms Design

▶ HERBST PAVILION



**Yonel Lebovici** "Pyramide Pantographe" see 9/10 COURTESY: PRIMAVERA GALLERY

A new design show celebrating the creativity of 20th-century modernism has its San Francisco premiere at Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion this September. The First Annual San Francisco 20th Century Art and Design Show (SF20) holds court for five days to introduce collectors and art patrons to stimulating design concepts in showcase settings. SF20 also hosts a gala benefit for the SFMOMA art museum with contributions from event designer Stanley Gatti.

"SF20's opening preview gala promises to be one of the major social events in San Francisco," said Neal Benezra, SFMOMA Director. "SFMOMA is thrilled to be the benefactor of this event."

More than 50 noted national and international decorative and fine arts dealers present objects from design movements of the past century. Professionals from London, Paris, Moscow, Budapest, Chicago, the Bay Area, and Los Angeles are on hand to guide visitors through their exhibits. For example, New York's Primavera Gallery offers exquisite jewelry, glass and ceramic pieces, and other fine decorative objects.

On September 11, SF20 offers an informative keynote lecture by 1stDibs.com founder and president Michael Bruno. Entitled, "Do the planet a favor, buy antiques and vintage design," the talk illuminates the philosophy behind the 1st Dibs web site, which lists and sells many modernism objects from a variety of dealers large and small. SF20 attendees can also hear booth lectures on Friday and Saturday with Martine Newby of London's Didier Antiques and the Peter Fetterman Gallery of Santa Monica, CA.

Discover a thrilling new period of art, design, and antiques at SF20. Refer to September 10 and www.sf20.net for more information. — *CW*

# The Biggest Book Sale Ever

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Late September is big book sale season at Fort Mason Center when the largest book sale on the West Coast loads into the Festival Pavilion for five days of book buying mania. The sale sponsor, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, has added many new attractions for the 2008 sale, including more books, more media of all types, and lower prices.

The 44th Annual Big Book Sale starts with a flourish on Wednesday September 24 with a members reception and preview sale. Book buyers wanting to get an early start can buy memberships at the door. The reception offers hearty food and drink to fuel the fun of browsing through hundreds of thousand of great books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, video and cassette tapes, and vintage vinyl records.

This year all books and media are priced at $5 or less. On Sunday, the price drops to $1 or less per item for all remaining stock. The Friends of the SF Public Library anticipates having more than 300,000 items for sale in more than 50 subject categories.

Throughout the year preceding the sale, Friends' volunteers and staff collect and organize more than 8,000 boxes of new and used books and media donated by residents and businesses in the San Francisco region.

More than 350 volunteers contribute their time to this monumental effort. In 2007, the big sale raised more than $250,000 to benefit library programs.

Don't miss the most massive literary event of 2008. For more information, see September 24 and www.friendssfpl.org. — *CW*

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**Fort Mason Center's Mission**
To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

# A Trip On The Nile

▶ COWELL THEATER

San Francisco (SF) Lyric Opera returns to the Cowell Theater this month with one of the greatest of the great classical operas — Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida*. An audience favorite since its Cairo premiere in 1871, the story of forbidden love in ancient Egypt has proved irresistible for opera lovers and is one of the most frequently performed operas in the repertory.

The opera tells the story of an Ethiopian princess torn between her love for her homeland and her love for her enemy, an Egyptian military commander. The always-lyrical, often-stirring music beautifully complements the heroine's dilemma and the ultimate tragic resolution.

*Aida* is the final opera in a trilogy performed by SF Lyric Opera at the Cowell Theater this year. Of their performance of Benjamin Britten's *The Turn of the Screw* last spring, *San Francisco Chronicle* music critic Joshua Kosman wrote "Intimacy and precision are the hallmarks of San Francisco Lyric Opera's splendid production...."

SF Lyric Opera is dedicated to presenting classical opera at prices most people can afford and to providing a venue for young opera singers to perform. Admission is free to children under twelve at every performance.

Take a musical journey to ancient Egypt this month. *Aida* is presented in four performances beginning September 19. See that date in the calendar and www.sflyricopera.org for more information. — *JR*

# Explosion Of Blues History

▶ GREAT MEADOW, OUTSIDE FORT MASON CENTER

The longest running blues festival in human history puts down roots in the Great Meadow just outside Fort Mason Center in late September 2008. Johnny Winter, Hot Tuna, Buckwheat Zydeco, and other powerhouse acts are among the musical delights awaiting blues enthusiasts at the 2008 event.

"As much as anything, the blues festival has always been about learning about blues history, its styles and regionalism, new, young, traditional, legendary, and definitely all solid senders," said festival founder and producer Tom Mazzolini, who launched the first San Francisco Blues Festival 36 years ago in 1973.

**San Francisco Blues Festival** see 9/27 "Buckwheat Zydeco" COURTESY: SF BLUES FESTIVAL

The festival gets off to a good start on Saturday with notable headliners — the original Hot Tuna finger-picking acoustic front men Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, also founding members of San Francisco's psychedelic rock band Jefferson Airplane. In addition, Saturday's program features local blues legend Elvin Bishop performing with the Delta Wires harmonica and horn band and other eclectic musicians in the Delta Grooves All-Star Blues Revue.

The momentum builds on Sunday as Texas guitar legend Johnny Winter concludes a day of zydeco, Southern soul, Delta blues, gospel, and West Coast jump harmonica tunes.

In keeping with its historical perspective on the blues, the 2008 festival features a tribute to the late John Lee Hooker at the free waterfront kickoff concert on San Francisco's Embarcadero as well as a film series about Hooker at San Francisco's vintage Roxie Theater in the Mission District.

Get ready for an explosive history lesson about the blues. See September 27 for more information and visit www.sfblues.com. — *CW*

# Dynamic Duo Of Dance Performances

▶ COWELL THEATER

Flamenco and fusion dance spice up the stage at Fort Mason Center's Cowell Theater in two riveting dance performances in September. Azahar Dance Foundation's principal dancer Fanny Ara ignites audiences the first weekend with scintillating performances fusing *flamenco puro*, Spanish classical, and modern dance. The second weekend in September unites 11 choreographer and composer teams for COLLABORATION: Dance and Music 2008.

**A Traves de Sus Ojos** (*Through Her Eyes*) is Ara's second work, which uses passionate flamenco styles to portray the journey of women through life. Topics such as birth, love, death, hate, and freedom push flamenco to new heights of expression in Ara's compelling performance. Master Spanish musicians Jesus Montoya and Vicente Griego join guitarist Jason McGuire and jazz pianist and cellist Gonzalo Grau to create the incendiary soundscape for Ara's movements.

"All the artists are going to be amazing and very different," said Ara. "We will stay with the tradition of flamenco which is improvisation, instinct, and power. By giving freedom to the artists you bring out their creative abilities. I want to show what they are best at."

Non-stop action sets the scene for **COLLABORATION: Dance & Music 2008,** when 11 composer and choreographer teams experiment with many creative forms of music and dance. Controlled artistic anarchy ensues as each collaborative pair presents the results of their summer performance efforts. Audience members should be prepared for novel forms of expression — from ritual music to avant-garde ballet and beyond.

Take a seat in the Cowell and enjoy the dances of late summer. For details, refer to September 6 and 12 in the calendar and visit www.azahardance.org and www.collaborationdancemusic.org. — *CW*

**COLLABORATION: Dance & Music** see 9/12 PHOTO: LIZ PAYNE

# Tobias Wolff

▶ MAGIC THEATRE, BUILDING D

After a six-year hiatus, Word For Word once again brings the compelling tales of quintessential American author Tobias Wolff to the Magic Theatre stage in Fall 2008. *More Stories by Tobias Wolff* builds on the momentum created by Word For Word's popular 2002 production inspired by Wolff's elegant narrative style.

"I wish that Word for Word would do all my stories," said Wolff. "Their brilliant inventiveness in performance, choreography, and staging has created a new art form, and a deeply affecting experience. I honestly believe that you could not find a more imaginative, energetic, and emotionally well-tuned ensemble."

Three new stories from Wolff's 2008 collection, *Our Story Begins*, supply the literary framework for Word For Words imaginative show. "Sanity" is a humorous chronicle of teenage efforts to stabilize a family in disintegration. "Down to Bone" explores the unlikely prospects for a sultry interlude during the throes of a parental deathwatch. "Firelight" presents a young boy's jaunty, buoyant search for refuge with his single mother.

Wolff is an acclaimed author and English professor at Stanford University who writes compassionate, graceful fiction that explores moral ambiguity and small, life-altering shifts in the fates of his characters. The September 13 performance features a reception and conversation with Wolff after the show.

Grab a seat for a world-class storytelling session with Word For Word and Tobias Wolff. For more information, see September 10 and visit www.zspace.org and www.redroom.com/author/tobias-wolff.— *CW*

# Magic's Urban Legends

▶ MAGIC THEATRE, BUILDING D

**Oni Faida Lampley**
Author *Tough Titty* January 2009

The eagerly anticipated 2008-2009 season at Magic Theatre is on its way, with an eclectic lineup encompassing urban legends, handguns, battling cancer, family drama, chaos and modern existence, and the perils of stamp collecting. Bay Area audiences expect nothing less than to be continually amazed by the theater that has been home to astonishing new and experimental work for more than 40 years.

The 2008-2009 season represents the first foray by Magic's new Artistic Director Loretta Greco. Greco arrives in San Francisco straight out of New York where she earned critical acclaim as a director and producer at venues such as the Women's Project and McCarter Theatre.

Of the new season Greco said. "Each play has its own brand of theatricality, perfectly suited to the intimate and muscular spaces at Magic Theatre."

Childhood mystery opens Magic's new season in *The K of D, an urban legend* by Laura Schellhardt. The sole character, Charlotte, is a small-town, Midwestern girl who believes she received an eerie power from the dying kiss of her twin brother — killed by a reckless driver.

"Laura's voice is singular and *The K of D* captures the power and simplicity of theatrical storytelling that is at the heart of Magic's aesthetic," said Greco.

Next up is *Evie's Waltz*, about a couples' dilemma when their son is expelled for bringing a gun to school. *Tough Titty* by the late Oni Faida Lampley follows the travails of Angela, whose healthy routine fails to keep breast cancer at bay. Lloyd Suh's *American Hwangap* focuses on a Korean immigrant attempting to reconcile with the family he abandoned 15 years before.

The cutthroat, high-stakes world of stamp collecting stars in Theresa Rebeck's *Mauritius*, directed by Greco. The season concludes with *Mistakes Were Made*, a darkly humorous look at modern existence from Craig Wright, who also writes for the hit TV series *Six Feet Under*.

Discover Magic Theatre's new dramatic vision this season. See September 20 for details and visit www.magictheatre.org for more information. Read the Resident Spotlight article on the back page of this issue for more about Magic. — *CW*





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# SEP CALENDAR 2008

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## MONDAY 1

**Labor Day** Fort Mason Center main office is closed.

## TUESDAY 2

See Ongoing Programs

## WEDNESDAY 3

**Artists' Reception** "Michael Ashcraft, Judy Krasnick & Patricia Stroud." 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museum store/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

## THURSDAY 4

See Ongoing Programs

## FRIDAY 5

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe presents Theatresports matches, "Double Feature" & "The Life Game" this month. Special guests 3 For All also perform. Each Sunday, BATS' advanced students create from audience suggestions as the Sunday Players. 9/5-28 Fri&Sat 8pm Sun 7pm $20-$8 ($18-$5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

**Special Guests: 3 For All** 9/5&6 Fri&Sat

**Sunday Players Micetro** 9/7-28 Sun 7pm

**Double Feature** 9/12&19 Fri

**Saturday Night Theatresports** 9/13-27 Sat

**The Life Game** 9/26 Fri

**Twentieth Century Art & Design Show** Macassar Buffet see 9/10

## SATURDAY 6

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE adm Bldg C (415) 674-1821

**Exploring The Spiritual Life** Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

**SF Birth & Baby Fair** An event for new & expecting parents. Take part in workshops & watch demos. Shop for maternity clothes & children's items. 10am-3pm $5 (under age 12 FREE) Bldg A www.birthandbaby-fair.com (415) 867-7519

**From Viking to Victorian—A History Of Iron In Shipbuilding** Maritime historian & historic ship restorer Olaf Envig describes his lab tests & field tests in the North Sea which showed that iron—because of its very crudeness—is a more durable shipbuilding material than steel. He signs copies of his new book *From Viking to Victorian—A History of Iron in Shipbuilding*. 6pm $5 res req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibraryfriends.org (415) 561-7040

**A Traves De Sus Ojos** see 9/6
PHOTO: ANDY MOGG

● **A Traves De Sus Ojos** Acclaimed flamenco dancer Fanny Ara directs a creative & modern work exploring crucial & cruel moments in a woman's life through the powerful & subtle art of flamenco music & dance. With dancer Melissa Cruz, singers Vicente Griego & Jesus Montoya, guitarist Jason McGuire & pianist Gonzalo Grau. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 8pm $32-$16 FMC "Friends" $2 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.azahardance.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

## SUNDAY 7

**Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous** A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

## MONDAY 8

See Ongoing Programs

## TUESDAY 9

See Ongoing Programs

## WEDNESDAY 10

**Fifty Years Of Open Spaces & Vibrant Places** The Greenbelt Alliance celebrates its 50th anniversary w/a gala featuring culinary treats from Betelnut, Café Rouge & Fleet Street Café paired w/wines from leading local vintners. 6-9pm $75 (incl one-year membership) Herbst International Exhibition Hall (385 Moraga in the Presidio) www.greenbelt.org/50_years.html (415) 543-6771

**20th Century Art & Design Show** Fifty national & international decorative & fine arts dealers present pieces representing all design movements of the 20th century. The Preview Gala benefits SFMOMA. 9/10 Wed 7-9pm $250 (Preview Gala), 9/11-14 Thur-Sat 11am-7pm Sun Noon-5pm $20 (Exhibition) Herbst Pavilion www.sf20.net (708) 366-2710

**Astrology Lecture** "Lunar Phase in the Birthchart" w/Steven Forrest. 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

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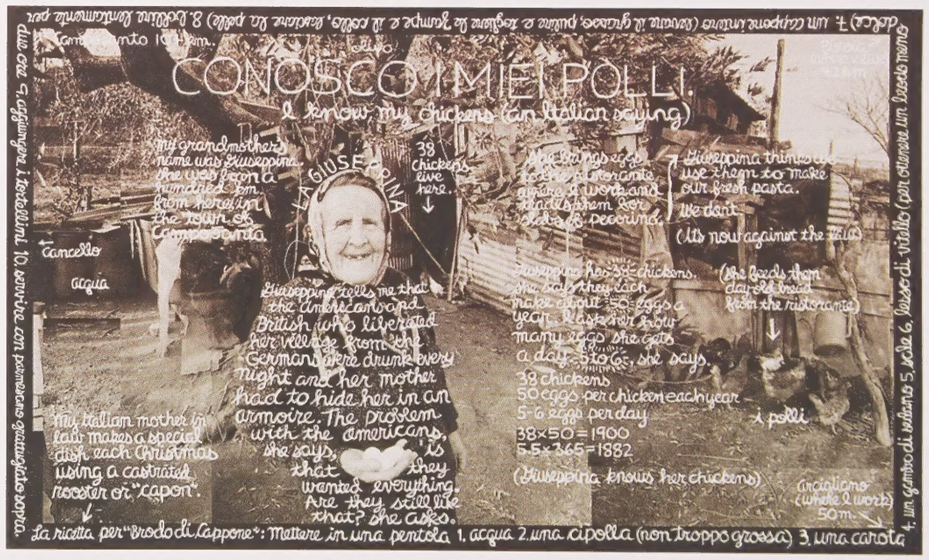
# Slow Living & Italian Jewish Identities

▶ MUSEO ITALOAMERICANO, BUILDING C


CONOSCO I MIEI POLLI.
I know my chickens (an Italian saying)
My grandmother's name was Giuseppina. She was born a mundica 5 km. from Sorrento in the town of Campanella.
38 chickens live here.
Giuseppina tells me that the Americans and British who liberated her village from the Germans were drunk every night and her mother had to hide her in an armoire. The problem with the americans, she says, is that they wanted everything. Are they still like that? She asks.
My Italian mother in law makes a special dish each Christmas using a castrated rooster or "capon".
Giuseppina has 38 chickens. She tells me they each make about 50 eggs a year. I asked her how many eggs she gets a day. 5 to 6, she says.
38 chickens
50 eggs per chicken each year
5-6 eggs per day
38x50=1900
5.5x365=1882
(Giuseppina knows her chickens)
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La ricetta per "Brodo di Cappone": Mettere in una pentola 1. acqua 2. una cipolla (non troppo grossa) 3. una carota

**Slow: Life In A Tuscan Town** "Conosco I Miei Polli" BY: DOUGLAS GAYETON

In collaboration with Slow Food Nation, the Museo ItaloAmericano presents **Slow: Life In A Tuscan Town** — an exhibit by Italian American photographer Douglas Gayeton.

Gayeton has been exploring Tuscany and Italy's "slow living" culture since the 1990s. A cinematographer as well as a photographer, Gayeton documents events "not as one moment, but more from a cumulative standpoint. The concept of stories evolving over time is very important...." His images are multifaceted, sometimes made up of many images taken over a period of several hours or days and then layered over one another. Words are also layered on, used as both memory markers and narrative elements. Some photographs capture the same scene from different vantage points. As Gayeton explains, it is a way to "both compress and explode time."

"Slow: Life In A Tuscan Town" opened on August 26 and continues through September 10. On September 25 the exhibit **Il Ghetto: Forging Italian Jewish Identities, 1516-1870** opens. An original exhibit, it explores the complex relationship between the Christian majority and the Jewish minority in early modern Italian communities. This major exhibit is presented in partnership with the Italian Cultural Institute of San Francisco, the Judah L. Magnes Museum, the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, the Jewish Community Library of San Francisco, UC Santa Cruz, the Graduate Theological Union, the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, and the Holocaust Center of Northern California. The exhibit runs through February 15, 2009. A lecture series in conjunction with the exhibit begins in October.

For more information about the Museo and the exhibits, see the Ongoing Programs section and visit www.museoitaloamericano.org. — *JR*

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**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** Word For Word, the company that turns great literature into great theater, pairs up w/the short story master in "Sanity," "Down to Bone" & "Firelight. 9/12-10/5 (previews 9/10&11) Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm $40-$20 Magic Theatre Bldg D www.zspace.org (415) 441-8822

## THURSDAY 11

**Chuck Forrester: Memoir Reading** The author shares stories & reads from his memoir. 6:30pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendsandfoundation.org (415) 771-1076

**20th Century Art & Design Show** see 9/10

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

## FRIDAY 12

**COLLABORATION: Dance & Music** The 10th anniversary celebration of artistic adventure, risk, experimentation, collaboration & excellence as 11 choreographer/composer teams present premiere dance works to original music compositions. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 9/12-14 Fri&Sat 8pm Sun 2pm $20-$17 Cowell Theater www.collaborationdancemusic.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**20th Century Art & Design Show** see 9/10

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

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● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Alcoholics Anonymous** see 9/6

**Exploring The Spiritual Life** see 9/6

**20th Century Art & Design Show** see 9/10

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**COLLABORATION: Dance/Music** see 9/12

## SUNDAY 14

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Food Addicts In Recovery** see 9/7

**20th Century Art & Design Show** see 9/10

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**COLLABORATION: Dance/Music** see 9/12

## MONDAY 15

See Ongoing Programs

## TUESDAY 16

See Ongoing Programs

## WEDNESDAY 17

**Macy's Passport 2008** The not-to-be-missed fashion extravaganza of the year. The hottest designers, celebrities, models & entertainers present two nights of glitter & glamour in this annual fundraiser for HIV/AIDS organizations. 9/17 Wed American Express Opening Night 6pm (cocktails) 8pm (fashion show) $200-$85 9/18 Thur Gala Evening 5:30pm (VIP Lounge) 8pm (fashion show) $1000-$85 www.macys.com/passport (877) 252-7814

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

## THURSDAY 18

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**Macy's Passport 2008** see 9/17

## FRIDAY 19

**Aida** The San Francisco Lyric Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's tale of forbidden love in ancient Egypt. Filled with some of the composer's most beautiful & stirring music, it is one of Verdi's most famous works. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 9/19, 21, 26 & 27 Fri&Sat 7:30pm Sun 2pm $32-$18 (under age 12 FREE) Cowell Theater www.sflyricopera.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

## SATURDAY 20

**Great SF Crystal Fair** Forty vendors from around the US & the world including

**The K Of D** see 9/20

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

Bali, Nepal, China & Afghanistan exhibit at this enchanting fair. Crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry & metaphysical healing tools are available at reasonable prices. 9/20&21 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm $6 (12 & under FREE w/adult) Bldg A www.crystalfair.com (415) 383-7837

**SF Bay Area Postcard Club** Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

● **The Carnival Of The Animals** Max misses the bus home after a class fieldtrip to the museum & must stay in the museum all night...& what a night it turns out to be as the animal inhabitants of a large painting come to life! With the music of Saint-Saens. 9/20-10/12 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $10-$7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

● **The K Of D** Magic Theatre inaugurates its 2008-2009 season w/this quirky tale of a small town girl coming to terms w/the big questions of life & death in a Midwestern town. *K of D, an urban legend* is written by Laura Schellhardt & directed by Rebecca Novick. 9/20-10/19 Previews 9/20-26 Sat-Fri Run of the Play 9/27-10/19 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm (10/5-19 Sun 2:30&7pm) $45-$25 ($75 opening Night) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Alcoholics Anonymous** see 9/6

**Exploring The Spiritual Life** see 9/6

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

## SUNDAY 21

**SFCAC Sixth Annual Fall Open House** The SF Children's Art Center kicks off its fall session w/free art activities, refreshments & an exhibition of children's artwork: "Art From the Archives — Celebrating 30 Years of Creative Exploration." Open House & Reception 9/21 Sun 1-4pm SFCAC Studio Bldg C, Exhibit 9/8-10/17 Daily 9am-8pm FMF Lobby Bldg A www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

**San Francisco Blues Festival** see 9/27 Honeyboy Edwards COURTESY: SF BLUES FESTIVAL

**Macy's Passport 2008** see 9/17
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● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Food Addicts In Recovery** see 9/7

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**Aida** see 9/19

**Great SF Crystal Fair** see 9/20

● **The Carnival Of Animals** see 9/20

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

## MONDAY 22

See Ongoing Programs

## TUESDAY 23

See Ongoing Programs

## WEDNESDAY 24

**44th Annual Big Book Sale** The annual sale benefiting the city's libraries features more than 250,000 donated volumes. This fundraiser by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library offers quality books of every type at fantastic prices. 9/24-28 Members' Preview 9/24 Wed 5-8pm (Join-at-the-door $35), public sale 9/25-28 Thur-Sat 10am-8pm Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm Festival Pavilion www.friendssfpl.org (415) 626-7500

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

## THURSDAY 25

**SF Astrological Society** "Decode Your (Astrological) DNA" w/Terry Lamb. 7:30-9:30pm $12 Bldg C www.sfastrological society.com (415) 566-8174

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

**44th Annual Big Book Sale** see 9/24

## FRIDAY 26

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**Aida** see 9/19

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

**44th Annual Big Book Sale** see 9/24

## SATURDAY 27

**Yoga Health Festival** Hala Khouri, Hemalayaa & Timothy McCall MD are just a few of the yoga teachers & health experts who present workshops at this all-day event. There are free lectures & demonstrations, more than 50 yoga, health & green exhibitors & a yoga-for-kids area. The benefit concert features Donna de Lory & Wade Imre Morissette & dance party w/ DJ Dragonfly. 9am-7pm (concert 8-10pm) FREE adm $25/workshop $25/concert $88/all-inclusive pass Herbst International Exhibition Hall (385 Moraga in the Presidio) www.yogamonth.org (310) 928-3720

**36th Annual SF Blues Festival** The oldest blues festival in the world celebrates its 36th anniversary with two days of spectacular music. This year's lineup includes some of the best-known names in blues, including Hot Tuna, Buckwheat Zydeco, Elvin Bishop, Johnny Winter, Denise LaSalle & 93-year-old legend Honeyboy Edwards, among many others. 9/27&28 Sat&Sun 11am-6pm $40 ($35 adv) $55/2-day (adv only), reserved lawn $50, $80/2-day (adv only) (under age 10 FREE) Great Meadow at Upper Fort Mason www.sfblues.com (415) 421-8497

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Alcoholics Anonymous** see 9/6

**Exploring The Spiritual Life** see 9/6

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

**Aida** see 9/19

● **The Carnival Of Animals** see 9/20

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

**44th Annual Big Book Sale** see 9/24

## SUNDAY 28

● **BATS Improv** see 9/5

**Food Addicts In Recovery** see 9/7

**More Stories By Tobias Wolff** see 9/10

● **The Carnival Of Animals** see 9/20

● **The K Of D** see 9/20

**44th Annual Big Book Sale** see 9/24

**SF Blues Festival** see 9/27

## MONDAY 29

See Ongoing Programs

## TUESDAY 30

See Ongoing Programs



# CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Note: Programs subject to change without notice—please call or check web site of event for latest information | ● = Friends 1882 Fort Mason Society Discount

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

**Blue Bear School Of Music** See Performing Arts classes.

**Chinese Dance Academy** Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

**Golden Gate Music Together** 45-minute classes include songs, rhythmic rhymes, movement & instrument play. These activities are presented as informal, non-performance-oriented musical experiences —developmentally appropriate for children & easy for parents & caregivers regardless of their own musical ability. 9&10-wk classes. See web site for schedule. $220-$203 (discounts for siblings) Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 259-0688

**Jing Mo Athletic Assn** See Martial Arts classes

**SF Children's Art Center** focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Fall session begins 9/8. Call or visit web site for schedule & costs. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

**Art Birthday Parties** include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

**Young Performers Theatre** Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

**Birthday Parties** By arrangement

**The Carnival Of The Animals** see 9/20

## EDUCATION

**Astrology Workshop** Terry Lamb offers a half-day workshop on "Who Are You In History." Presented by the National Council For Geocosmic Research. 9/27 Sat 1:30-5:30pm $35 ($30adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org

**Bruce Cass Wine Lab** offers fun, informational & entertaining wine education. Bldg C www.brucecasswinelab.com (415) 839-5313

**Fundamentals Of Taste & Smell** This 3-session class is the perfect introduction to the basics. Create a strong foundation for wine appreciation & develop confidence about wine. 9/17-10/1 Wed $229

**CCSF Continuing Education** Offers not-for-credit continuing education courses in many subjects. Visit web site for course list & schedule. Office hours: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 9/1 Mon) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

**LSAT Strategy Course** Testing for the Public is a nonprofit corporation offering Strategy Courses for the LSAT, GMAT & GRE in the SF Bay Area since 1985. See web site for course details. 8/27-9/24 Days & times vary. $500 Bldg B&C www.testing4.org (888) 383-7846

**Improv Comedy Traffic School** Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this traffic violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for cost & details. 9/13 Sat Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

**Kaplan Classes** Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs. Call or visit web site for details. Bldgs B, C, D & Gatehouse www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

**Museo ItaloAmericano** Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

**Photovoltaic Design For Engineers** A three-day solar workshop for design professionals on high quality PV system designs, feasibility reports, drawings & specifications in high demand by architectural design teams, engineering firms, developers & property owners. For engineers, designers, engineering students & industry professionals. Presented by High Sun Engineering, the West Coast's leading solar engineering firm. 9/29-10/1 Mon-Wed 9am-5pm $950 Bldg C www.sunengineer.com (707) 869-9391

## HEALTH & RECREATION

● **Addiction Recovery Training** Get affordable self-help training efficiently & completely in this one-day training seminar. Learn the skills necessary to successfully manage your problems on your own. The seminar includes a state-of-the-art presentation, discussion groups & guest speakers. Students receive complete presentation notes & a comprehensive workbook filled with self-help exercises that can be completed at each individual's own pace. Appropriate for people at any stage of the recovery process. A healthy lunch & snacks are provided. 9/7 Sun 9am-4pm $200 FMC "Friends" 10% off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.sfrecoveryschool.com (415) 385-3652

**Ayurvedic Health Educator Class** Begin your journey toward becoming an Ayurvedic Practitioner. Ayurveda is a 5,000-year-old holistic healing system, originating in India, that incorporates nutrition, herbs, aromatherapy, lifestyle, massage, yoga & much more. Learn how to incorporate this ancient wisdom into your life & others. 9//9-3/9/09 Tue-Thur 9am-noon Call for cost Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

**Environmental Traveling Companions** Enjoy the wilderness while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Call or visit web site for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

**Whitewater Rafting On The American River** 8/23&24 or 9/13&14 Sat&Sun $70/day $130/both days (scholarships available)

**Angel Island Kayak Adventure** 8/30&31 Sat&Sun $100 (scholarships available)

**Moonlight Paddle On SF Bay** 9/12 Fri $50 (scholarships available)

**Moonlight Dinner & Kayak Adventure** (on SF Bay) 9/13 Sat $150 (incl dinner & equipment)

***Bay Nature* Magazine Interpretive Paddle** 9/20 Sat $90 (incl lunch)

**Mendocino Kayak Adventure** 9/26-29 Fri-Mon $400 (scholarships available)

**Ayurvedic Health Educator Class** see Health & Recreation

**Third International Angel Day Workshop** see Health & Recreation
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**Gentle Power Aerobics** 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 28 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30-10:30am. Yoga & stretching Tue 9:30-10:35am. $12 Bldg C (415) 389-8249

**Managing Your Mood Through Mindfulness** Learn simple methods to free yourself from unproductive patterns of thinking, seeing & behaving in this eight-week program. Treat symptoms of depression & chronic illness, increase awareness in daily life & enhance your ability to live in the present moment through mind/body practices. 9/24-11/19 Wed 7-9pm $30/session Gatehouse www.communitypsychiatry.com (415) 292-3440

**Meditation For Everyone** Learn from a variety of Buddhist meditation techniques to increase your physical & mental wellbeing. Ongoing Tue 7-8:30pm $10/class Gatehouse www.meditationinnorthernca.org (415) 503-1187

**Psychic Healing Clinic** Experience a basic energy healing. 9/20 Sat 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

● **Third International Angel Day Workshop** Meet, connect & work with the angels in a fun-filled atmosphere. Receive personal messages from the angels & use angel oracle cards. Take part in random audience readings. Please register online. 9/7 Sun 8:30-10am $45 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card Gatehouse www.lightresonance.com (415) 892-0668

## MARTIAL ARTS

**Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima** Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes for men & women. See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

**Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu** Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

**Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn** Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm (no classes 9/21&28) $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

**Jing Mo Athletic Assn** Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & up) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

**Sayoc Kali** Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan trains warriors in edged weapons survival skills. Ongoing Tue&Thur 7:30-9pm & Sun 11am-1pm call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 939-4940

**Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu** Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C (415) 750-9201

**Tai Chi** Learn & practice Tai Chi w/certified instructor Zach Ma. Ongoing classes. Bldg C (650) 755-2661

**Morning Workout** Improve health & balance, reduce stress. Tue&Thur 8:30-9:30am (no

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# ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Book Bay Bookstore**

Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm (closed 9/1 Mon) FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

**September Featured Section:** "Architecture"

**Chuck Forester: Memoir Reading** The author shares stories & reads from his memoir. 9/11 Thur 6:30pm FREE adm

**City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus**

Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 9/1 Mon) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

**Coffee Gallery** Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

**Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby**

Daily 9am-8pm (closed 9/1 Mon) FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visualarts (415) 441-3400

**Art From The Archives** An exhibition celebrating 30 years of creative exploration at the SF Children's Art Center, a FMC resident organization. 9/8-10/17 www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

**Long Now Foundation**

The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Mon-Fri 10:30am-5pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm (closed 9/1 Mon) FREE adm Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

**Museo ItaloAmericano**

Gallery & gift shop Tue-Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

**Slow: Life In A Tuscan Town** A special exhibit in collaboration with Slow Food Nation by award-winning Italian American photographer & cinematographer Douglas Gayeton. 8/26-9/10

**Il Ghetto: Forging Italian Jewish Identities 1516-1870** An original exhibit that explores the complex relationship between the Christian majority and the Jewish minority in early modern Italian communities. 9/25-2/15/09

**Italian Language Classes** See Classes & Workshops

**SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)**

Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only) (closed 9/1 Mon) FREE adm Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/research-contact.htm (415) 561-7030

**From Viking to Victorian—A History Of Iron In Shipbuilding** see 9/6

**SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery**

Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

**Work By Michael Ashcraft, Judy Krasnick & Patricia Stroud** 9/3-26

**Artists' Reception** 9/3 Wed 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm

## VISIT FORT MASON ONLINE

www.fortmason.org For the latest information on events, classes and workshops, visit Fort Mason Center's web site. You'll have access to:

- **Latest Event listings**
- **Links To FMC Residents' Web Sites**

# CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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class 9/18) $60/mo

**Tai Chi 108** Classic yang-style long form. Thurs 9:45-10:15am (no class 9/18&25) $30/mo

## MONEY MATTERS

**Paying For College** Parents of college-bound high school students can learn strategies to pay for the college of their choice. Learn about financial aid formulas, how to increase eligibility for aid, how to apply for aid & how to avoid common mistakes. Same class is offered three times monthly. 9/9 Tue, 9/25 Thur 6:30-7:30pm 9/20 Sat 8:30-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.beaconcollegefunding.com (415) 550-8040

## PERFORMING ARTS

**BATS Improv** Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

**Blue Bear School Of Music** Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Fall Quarter pre-registration began August 25. Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

**Chinese Dance Academy** See Children's classes.

● **Improv Open Workshop** Explore spontaneity & creativity in a stimulating, fun & supportive environment w/games, stage skills, body awareness & laughter. No experience needed. Ongoing Sat 1-4pm $10/class FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (650) 225-9095

**Meisner Technique Of Acting** Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Adler teaches the Meisner Technique. Utilizing exercises, scene & monologue work, the course focuses on the development & use of instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing classes. See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

**Sanford Meisner School Of Acting** offers classes taught by founder Jim Jarrett, who spent four years as Mr. Meisner's protégé being groomed to carry on his legacy. Fall session begins 9/14. Days & times vary. $325/mo Bldg C & Gatehouse www.jarrettproductions.com (208) 720-7888

**Young Performers Theatre** See Children's classes.

## SELF-IMPROVEMENT

**Marriage Prep 101** Create a foundation for lifelong marriage in Drs. Michelle & Patrick Gannon's award-winning weekend workshop for premarital & newlywed couples. Learn communication, conflict resolution & intimacy enhancement skills. 9/26&27 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm $420/couple includes refreshments, catered lunch & workbooks. Bldg C www.marriageprep101.com (415) 905-8830

## VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

● **California Lawyers For The Arts** Classes & legal services for artists & art groups. Wed 7-8:30pm $20 FMC "Friends" $10 w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 x107

**Music Licensing 101** (w/Howie Cockrill) What is a license? How & where can an artist license his or her music? How does digital distribution affect music licensing? This workshop addresses the basics of copyright law & licensing, as well as some particulars for licensing downloads & streams. 9/10

**Nonprofit Basics & Fiscal Sponsorships** (w/Cherie Evans) Thinking of starting a nonprofit organization? Whether you are a filmmaker, a dance company, or an arts group, many grants are only available to public charities. So how do you obtain public charity status? What are the disadvantages? What about fiscal sponsorship? This workshop answers your questions. 9/24

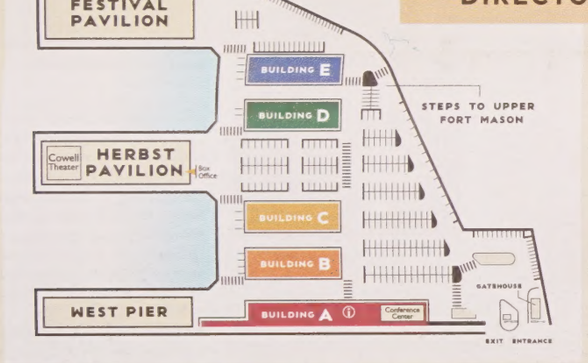
**CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus** AM & PM classes (3 units college credit each) in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, prints & sculpture. Fall classes began 8/18. See web site for details. $20/unit Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1860

**Friends of Calligraphy** promotes the study & practice of calligraphy to encourage individual excellence & to foster a wider appreciation & deeper understanding of calligraphy, its history & applications. The society sponsors classes, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, a spring retreat & a holiday party. Classes at FMC are open to the public. www.friendsofcalligraphy.org

**Uncials** All levels of experience are welcome to learn this ancient (5th to 9th century) hand from calligrapher Judy Detrick. 9/16-10/28 Tue $140 Bldg C

**SF Children's Art Center** See Children's classes

**The Writers Studio** Based on the 20-year-old NYC program, the SF writing workshops follow the model that has helped thousands of writers reach their potential. Each week students read excerpts from classic & contemporary literature & work on exercises to master literary techniques. Classes meet once a week for 10 weeks. Level I begins 9/9 Tue or 9/22 Mon 6:30-8:30pm $395, Level II begins 9/22 Mon 6:30-9pm $410, Level III begins 9/24 Wed $415 Bldgs B&C www.writerstudio.com (212) 255-7075




## FORT MASON CENTER DIRECTORY

### FMC RESIDENTS

Fort Mason Center houses 30 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, and much more. Contact the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

**BUILDING A**

**Fort Mason Foundation** (415) 345-7500

**Greens Restaurant** (415) 771-6222

**Greens To Go** (415) 771-6222

**Special Events** (415) 771-7955

**Long Now Foundation** (415) 561-6582

**SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery** (415) 441-4777

**Visitor Information** (415) 345-7500

**BUILDING B**

**BATS Improv/Bayfront Theater** Office (415) 474-6776 Box Office (415) 474-8935

**City College Of San Francisco Coffee Gallery** (415) 561-1840 **Continuing Education** (415) 561-1860

**Fort Mason Art Campus** (415) 561-1840

**Cooks & Company** (415) 673-4137

**Marine Exchange** (415) 441-6600

**Ploughshares Fund** (415) 775-2244

**BUILDING C**

**Animal Switchboard** (415) 474-4021

**Book Bay Bookstore** (415) 771-1076

**California Lawyers For The Arts:** (415) 775-200 Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services (415) 775-7715

**Chinese Cultural Productions/Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co.** (415) 474-4829

**Environmental Traveling Companions** (415) 474-7662

**Italian American Cultural Center** (415) 673-2200

**Museo ItaloAmericano** (415) 673-2200

**SF Children's Art Center** (415) 771-0292

**Tuolumne River Trust** (415) 292-3531

**Young Performers Theatre** (415) 346-5550

**BUILDING D**

**Blue Bear School Of Music** (415) 673-3600

**Friends Of The SF Public Library** (415) 771-3777

**Magic Theatre** Office (415) 441-8001 Box office (415) 441-8822

**Radio Bilingüe** (415) 674-0925

**Resource Renewal Institute** (415) 928-3774 **Green Century Project** **Green Plan Center** **Water Heritage Trust**

**World Arts West** (415) 474-3914

**BUILDING E**

**SF Maritime National Historical Park Headquarters** (415) 561-7000 **Collections Storage Facility** (415) 561-7060 **SF Documents Department** (415) 561-7070

**SF Maritime National Historical Park Library/J. Porter Shaw Library** (415) 561-7030

**PIERS**

**MIDDLE PIER**

**Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion** (415) 345-7500

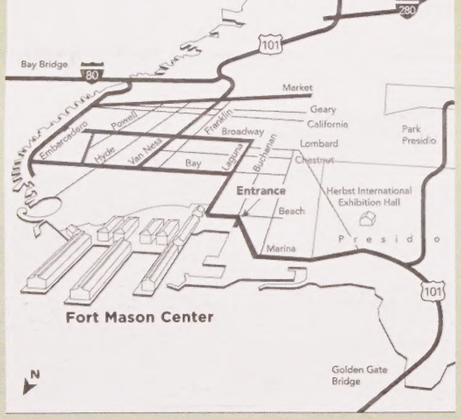
**Fort Mason Box Office** (415) 345-7575

**Herbst Pavilion** (415) 345-7500

**EAST PIER**

**Festival Pavilion** (415) 345-7500

## LOCATION & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION




### FORT MASON CENTER

**East Bay** Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

**North Bay** Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

**Peninsula/South Bay** US 101 North to 9th St. Exit; 9th across Market & left on Hayes; right on Franklin; left on Bay; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center

### HERBST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL

Located In the Presidio, Moraga at Montgomery St. on the Main Post. Accessible through the following Presidio Gates: Marina (Marina Blvd. & Lyon St.); Lombard (Lombard & Lyon St.); Presidio Blvd. (Presidio & Pacific St.); or Arguello (Arguello Blvd. & Jackson St.). www.presidiotrust.gov/directions/transit.asp

### TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS

**Bay Area-Wide:** www.511.org or call 817-1717 or 511 from any area code

**East Bay BART:** www.bart.gov (510) 465-2278

**North Bay Golden Gate Transit:** www.goldengate.org (415) 455-2000

**Peninsula/South Bay CalTrain:** www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287

**San Francisco MUNI:** www.sfmuni.com (415) 673-6864

**Herbst International Exhibition Hall:** Directions & Shuttle information www.presidio.gov/Directions

### PARK FOR PRESERVATION AT FORT MASON CENTER

Parking Rates First hour is Free, 1-1½ hours $1, 1½-2 hours $2, 2-2½ hours $4, 2-3 hours $6, More than 3 hours $8 per day. For more information about parking go to our website www.fortmason.org/aboutus/parking.shtml. Net proceeds from parking fees go toward the restoration and preservation of Fort Mason Center's historic landmark buildings — allowing the Center's unique programs to continue.



# 1882 Fort Mason Society Celebrates The Festival Of Sail

▶ BAYVIEW CAFÉ, FESTIVAL PAVILION

**Festival Of Sail's Parade of Ships** 1882 Fort Mason Society event PHOTO: JANICE TONG

The weather gods were smiling on Fort Mason Center (FMC) this past July when the Festival of Sail's Parade of Sail passed in front of the Center on a rare and gloriously sunny midsummer day. The occasion was the kickoff event of the **1882 Fort Mason Society—Friends Of The Fort** as invited guests sipped wine, enjoyed a catered lunch, and took advantage of FMC's unparalleled views of the bay. Fort Mason Foundation (FMF) Development Director Jim Armstrong and FMF Board Chair Ivar Chhina welcomed more than 200 guests who then viewed the parade from either the Bayside Café inside the Festival Pavilion or out in the sunshine at the end of the pier. Local sports commentator Scott Armstrong announced the names and details about the ships as they passed in front of the pavilion.

That evening the festivities continued as more than twenty captains were honored at the Tall Ships Captains Welcome Reception in the Bayside Café. FMF's Armstrong again welcomed the attendees. Also on hand were Gregory Ryken and Neil Chaitin — members of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the Festival of Sails' producing organization. Ryken said, "Fort Mason Center afforded a most appropriate and lovely location for the VIP kickoff events for the Festival of Sail San Francisco. We greatly appreciate the many contributions the center staff provided in order to make the Festival a truly Bay Area-wide event and successful waterfront activity."

Chaitin—who also serves on the board of the Fort Mason Foundation—had the good fortune to be on the Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle* earlier in the day. "As I cruised past Fort Mason Center during the Parade of Sail, I was most gratified to see our piers filled with people enjoying this unique and spectacular waterfront venue. As a trustee, I am pleased that we were able to host the welcome events."

In all more than 400 people enjoyed both Festival of Sail celebrations as the **1882 Fort Mason Society—Friends Of The Fort** was launched. Two more Society events are in the works. In September there will be a celebration of the Big Boat Series, one of the most important and prestigious yachting regattas on the West Coast. And in October, the extremely popular Fleet Week and Blue Angels performance will be the centerpiece of another Society happening.

For information about joining the **1882 Fort Mason Society — Friends Of The Fort**, visit http://www.fortmason.org/membership/index.shtml or call Jim Armstrong at (415) 345-7560. —*JR*

## 1882 SOCIETY: NEWS UPDATE

Last July, within moments of the **1882 Fort Mason Society—Friends Of The Fort** information going live on the Fort Mason Center (FMC) web site, Anne Daniel called the center. Seconds later Ms. Daniel became the first charter member of the new recognition society for friends and supporters of Fort Mason Center.

"I love Fort Mason Center because of the cultural diversity of the tenants and artists and performers represented," explained the Sonoma County resident. "I was online looking for information about the tall ships coming under the Golden Gate Bridge. When I linked to the Fort Mason web site, the 1882 Society was offering a great place to view the parade of tall ships and lunch... so I joined the Society."

"You can't beat the price of senior membership, and as a senior citizen, I am very pleased the 1882 Society provides a special category for us, students, and for veterans, because I want to provide the support I can," she concluded.

"1882 Society charter membership remains open through the fall," according to FMC Development Director, Jim Armstrong. "We are embarking upon an exciting era and we want to share the benefits of the emerging opportunities with as many of our new and not-so-new supporters as possible. We are honored to recognize Ms. Daniel as our first official member and welcome also the dozens of others who have joined since," Armstrong said.

For information about charter membership in the **1882 Fort Mason Society—Friends Of The Fort** (that includes benefits through 2009), please call (415) 345-7504 or visit www.fortmason.org/membership.

## JOIN THE 1882 FORT MASON SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE FORT

**PIONEERS**

**Individual**: Fort Mason Center Monthly • 1882 Fort Mason Society Card • Magic Theatre season subscription discount (late summer/early fall) • single-ticket discount for Magic Theatre, Young Performers Theatre & selected performances at Bayfront & Cowell Theaters • 5% off sales at SFMOMA Artists Gallery • discounts on highlighted activities in the *FMC Monthly*

**Veterans, Seniors & Students**: *All of the above*

**Family**: *All of the above* + second Society card

**SUSTAINERS**

**Supporter**: *All of the above* + VIP invitations to Center sponsored events & up to four additional Society Cards

**Contributor**: *All of the above* + coupon for two tickets to a Cowell Theater performance

**Patron**: *Supporter benefits above* + coupon for four tickets to a Cowell Theater performance

**FOUNDERS**

**Founder**: *All of the above* + personalized concierge service for Fort Mason Center bookings, ticket purchases, VIP Parking Access

For other giving opportunities please contact Jim Armstrong (415) 345-7560, jim@fortmason.org.

❑ New
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# Charting A New Course For Theater

**Magic Theatre** Loretta Greco, Artistic Director PHOTO: DAVID ALLEN STUDIO

Things are happening fast and change is in the air at the award-winning Magic Theatre in Fort Mason Center's Building D. Despite its solid reputation as the principal venue for hot new plays on the West Coast, this famed performance space shows no signs of slowing down to rest on its theatrical laurels.

One of the factors boosting Magic into maximum overdrive is the arrival of its new Artistic Director, Loretta Greco. Fresh from New York and the vibrant East Coast theater community, Greco has already lined up a strong 2008-2009 season replete with stunning original work by new writers as well as innovative new pieces from acclaimed playwrights.

"I can't wait to bring my passion for new work to a city I adore and to join San Francisco's rich and wonderful community of artists," said Greco. "I believe Magic's 41-year legacy of unwavering commitment to playwrights and the development of bold new work is truly paramount to the future of American Theater."

**A Stimulating Theater Season** The 2008-2009 season at Magic opens with a dazzling new coming-of-age story, *The K of D, an urban legend*, by Laura Schellhardt. Providing a child's perspective on the big questions of life and death, *The K of D* is theatrical tale-spinning at its best.

"*The K of D* is an astounding piece of writing. Its [powerful] language, [daring] imagination, and emotional vitality captivated me completely," said Greco. "The Magic's intimate environment is the perfect place to celebrate Laura's vital new voice and this quintessential piece of theater — going back to our earliest traditions of great [mythologies] that shake the hearts and souls of an audience and remind them what it means to be human."

This dynamic opening quickly leads to a thought-provoking and timely family drama in November — Carter W. Lewis' new work, *Evie's Waltz*. In this poignant piece, parents face an all-too-familiar nightmare when their son brings a gun to school. The first play for 2009 is the late Oni Faida Lampley's *Tough Titty*, a courageous and sassy exploration of one woman's struggle with breast cancer.

"This is a very personal project for me," said Greco. "I can't think of a better way to honor Oni's generosity of spirit than this fearless and raucous play."

Identity and family issues resonate in Lloyd Suh's *American Hwangap* premiering in February 2009. In this work, a Korean immigrant returns home for his 60th birthday to reconnect with the family he left behind.

"Lloyd is a writer of exceptional depth who is writing about identity in this country with great authenticity and humor," Greco said. "I know Bay Area audiences will relate to this emotional homecoming story."

Greco applies her well-honed directing skills in *Mauritius*, the fifth play in her inaugural season at Magic. Composed by Emmy Award-winning *NYPD Blue* screenwriter Theresa Rebeck, *Mauritius* is a riveting thriller about danger and intrigue in the world of rare stamp collecting.

"Fasten your seatbelts," said Greco. "Theresa is at the top of her craft with this fast-paced heist. For me, it displays Theresa's extraordinary use of language to deliver full-bodied characters and a deliciously conjured plot."

The final installment in an extraordinary season comes from celebrated writer Craig Wright who also contributes to the popular TV series, *Six Feet Under*. Wright's world premiere, *Mistakes Were Made*, explores the extreme instability and bleak absurdity of modern existence.

"Craig is a writer of national acclaim, whose acute social and spiritual lens I've admired for years," Greco said.

**Encouraging New Work** Magic has a variety of programs designed to support playwrights in their creative efforts, especially artists outside the mainstream of theater. Magic partners with funding and performance groups to reach out to new writers and audiences in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Magic welcomes the public and theater professionals to readings and performances related to these creative efforts.

Magic's Sloan Foundation Science and Technology Initiative develops, commissions, and produces new works that explore the fast-paced world of science and technology. Among the themes discussed in works funded through Sloan are stem cell research and nanotechnology.

The Sloan program also brings in researchers from world-class scientific institutions to participate in the creative process. Play readings take place in the Science on Stage series at San Francisco's Exploratorium.

The New Works Initiative formed by Magic and Z Space Studio collaborates with 14 Bay Area theaters to develop brave new plays unlike any work seen on stage before. Pieces progress from staged readings to workshop and theatrical productions. Some readings occur during the Z/Magic Mondays Reading Series.

Magic's New Voices West project also promotes new plays through readings and workshop productions. Steve Yockey's hit play *Octopus* from Magic's 2007-2008 season emerged from New Voices West.

Plays about social and political issues have their own showcase through the Martha Heasley Cox Raw Play Series, with readings at the Commonwealth Club of California. High school students also get a chance to express themselves through Magic's Young California Writers Project.

With so many productions and creative opportunities, it's no surprise that Magic Theatre has discovered an incredible array of talent and introduced many bright new voices to the theatrical world. In the past, Magic has produced work by luminaries like Sam Shepard, David Mamet, and Edna O'Brien. Upcoming productions offer the first glimpses of future theater superstars. — *Claudia Willen*

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### MAGIC THEATRE

**DESCRIPTION**
Founded in 1967, Magic Theatre is one of the leading US theaters devoted to developing and producing new plays by established and emerging playwrights. Magic Theatre seeks to give voice to and promote the work of theater artists. In addition to its inspiring theatrical seasons, Magic also sponsors the Science on Stage play reading series, the Sloan and New Works initiatives to develop new plays, the New Voices West commissioned play series, a play reading series at the Commonwealth Club, the Young California Writers Project, and the Z Space Studio/Magic Mondays reading series.

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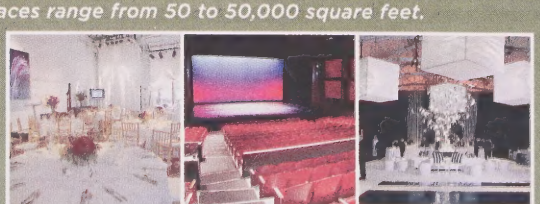

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